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1. Southern Army Group (Armee Korps Sued):

- a. The headquarters of the Southern Army Group was located on Georg Schumann Strasse in Leipzig.
- b. The present strength of the Southern Army Group is approximately 25,250 men. The authorized T/O of 30,000 men will be raised to 35,000.
- c. The commanding officer of the Southern Army Group is Major General Georg Fritz John.

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2. Mechanized Division Potsdam:

This division is directly subordinate to the KVP headquarters in the Ministry of the Interior and is intended to function as a unit "for special purposes, occasions and demonstrations." On the further expansion of the KVP, it will form the nucleus of the projected Central Army Group (Armee Korps Mitte). This will only occur, however, when the Northern and Southern Army Groups have reached full strength after the release of age groups who are now due for discharge. The strength of the division will be 9,985 men when those men now due for release have left, but the figure will be raised to 12,000.

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